



Redbird Basketball

GAME NOTES

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ILLINOIS STATE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
11/9	AUGUSTANA [S.D.] (EX)	W, 60-49
11/19	INDIANAPOLIS	W, 54-50
11/22	@ Cincinnati (WXIX)	L, 59-76
11/26	WESTERN MICHIGAN	W, 64-47
11/29	GRAMBLING STATE	W, 62-50
12/3	UW-GREEN BAY	W, 59-51
12/6	IPFW	W, 65-36
12/10	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	L, 61-64
12/17	@ Cal. St.-Northridge	L, 69-73
12/22	@ Indiana State* (Valley-TV)	L, 59-69 (ot)
12/31	CREIGHTON*	W, 53-50

1/2	@ Northern Iowa*	L, 47-60
1/5	@ Creighton* (KMTV)	7:05 p.m.

Bird Bit: Illinois State is looking for its first season series sweep over Creighton since the 1997-98 season.

1/8	WICHITA STATE* (Cox-TV)	2:05 p.m.
1/11	@ Missouri State*	7:05 p.m.
1/14	NORTHERN IOWA*	4:05 p.m.
1/16	EVANSVILLE* (Valley-TV)	7:05 p.m.
1/22	@ Southern Illinois*	2:05 p.m.
1/25	INDIANA STATE*	7:05 p.m.
1/28	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* (WSIU)	4:05 p.m.

2/1	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	7:35 p.m.
2/4	@ Evansville*	7:05 p.m.
2/7	@ Drake*	7:05 p.m.
2/11	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	4:05 p.m.
2/14	DRAKE*	7:05 p.m.
2/18	@ ESPN Bracket Buster%	TBA
2/22	MISSOURI STATE*	TBA
2/25	@ Wichita State*	TBA

3/2-5	@ State Farm MVC Tournament#	TBA
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All times listed are CST
Home games in CAPS
*Missouri Valley Conference game
%ESPN's Bracket Buster Series
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ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (6-5, 1-2)

AT



12 GAME

CREIGHTON BLUEJAYS (7-4, 1-2)

Thursday, January 5, 2006 • 7:05 p.m. CST
Qwest Center OMAHA™ (15,500) • Omaha, Neb.

THE GAME FACTS

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS ▶ ▶ ▶



Nedu Onyeuku

▶ Guard
Sr.-1L • 6-3 • 185
Omaha, Neb.

PPG	RPG	APG
7.5	2.5	1.4



Neil Plank

▶ Guard
Sr.-2L • 6-5 • 208
Mt. Zion, Ill.

PPG	RPG	APG
10.3	4.5	3.8



Dana Ford

▶ Guard
Sr.-3L • 6-4 • 195
Tamms, Ill.

PPG	RPG	SPG
8.6	4.5	2.1



Greg Dilligard

▶ Forward
Jr.-2L • 6-8 • 230
Labelle, Mo.

PPG	RPG	BPG
11.4	5.5	2.0



Ronnie Carlwell

▶ Center
So.-1L • 6-11 • 258
Maywood, Ill.

PPG	RPG	BPG
0.8	2.3	0.9

CREIGHTON BLUEJAYS ▶ ▶ ▶

						ppg	rpg	apg	
F	50	Dane Watts	6-8	225	So.	Warrensburg, Mo.	8.0	6.2	1.1
C	44	Anthony Tolliver	6-9	245	Jr.	Springfield, Mo.	12.9	6.3	2.1*
G	3	Nick Porter	6-3	215	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev.	8.6	4.5	1.5
G	11	Johnny Mathies	6-0	170	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.	11.8	4.1	2.4
G	12	Josh Dotzler	6-1	190	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb.	5.0	1.6	4.5

*indicates blocks per game

About The Game: Both Illinois State and Creighton entire tonight's game looking to return to the .500 mark in the league. The two teams met just five days ago at Redbird Arena, when Illinois State's Dana Ford buried a 40-footer at the buzzer to give the Redbirds game one of the two-game regular season series.

Series History: Tonight's game marks the 55th meeting in the series. The Redbirds carry a 33-21 advantage in the series, but Creighton has won 10 of the last 12 meetings.

Radio: Dick Luedke, play-by-play; Mike Matthews, color; Bruce Evans, sideline (home only) and Jim Williams, studio host. Affiliates: WJBC (AM 1230/Bloomington), flagship; WBIG (AM 1280/Aurora), WJEZ (FM 98.9/Dwight), WZOE (AM 1490/Princeton) and WFMB (AM 1450/Springfield). All Redbird broadcasts, including Porter Moser's weekly call-in show, which generally airs each Thursday from 6:07-7 pm, depending on the schedule, can be heard via the Internet at GoRedbirds.com.

Television: The game is available in Omaha, Neb., on KM3 News. Travis Justice (play-by-play) and Scott Schumacher (analyst) will call the action.

THE COACHES

Porter Moser (Creighton '90) owns an 87-71 (.551) career mark in his third season at Illinois State, including a 33-37 (.471) record with the Redbirds. Prior to guiding the 'Birds, Moser served three seasons at Arkansas-Little Rock in his first head coaching position. Moser is assisted by Chris Jans, Daniyal Robinson and Brian Barone.

Dana Altman (Eastern New Mexico '80) is in his 12th season at Creighton. He owns a 225-124 (.645) record with the Bluejays and carries a 308-191 (.617) record in his 17 seasons as a head coach. He is assisted by Darian DeVries, Brian Fish and Kevin McKenna.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	6-5	7-4
Points Scored	59.3	69.3
Points Allowed	56.9	62.1
Scoring Margin	+2.4	+7.2
FG Percentage	43.0	40.1
Def. FG Percentage	37.5	40.3
3-pt. Percentage	33.7	35.3
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	33.5	34.2
FT Percentage	63.8	67.5
Offensive Rebounds	9.5	13.5
Total Rebounds	32.7	37.0
Rebounding Margin	-0.9	-0.8
Assists	15.5	14.0
Turnover Average	16.5	13.8
Turnover Margin	+0.1	+5.1
Steal Average	6.6	9.2
Block Average	4.6	4.4
Fouls	18.2	17.8

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

All start at 2:30 p.m. and are located in the Redbird Arena media room off the Southwest Loading Dock.

- Tuesday, January 3
- Monday, January 9
- Wednesday, January 18
- Monday, January 23
- Tuesday, January 31
- Thursday, February 9
- Thursday, February 16
- Tuesday, February 21
- Monday, February 27

WHAT'S BACK

Here is a look at what is returning to the Illinois State roster in 2005-06:

Scoring	30.1%
Three-point Field Goals	22.4%
Free Throws	34.3%
Rebounding	45.7%
Assists	30.9%
Blocks	83.5%
Steals	46.2%
Minutes	41.1%

VALLEY TELECONFERENCE

Teleconferences with The Valley men's basketball head coaches will be conducted each Tuesday, with the men's briefings beginning on a weekly basis in December at 10 a.m. To participate in either conference briefing, call 913/981-5509. The first men's teleconference begins at 10 a.m. CST on **Tuesday, December 6**. Head coach **Porter Moser** will be available at 10:25 a.m. during the teleconference.

ABOUT THE CREIGHTON BLUEJAYS

- Creighton, located in Omaha, Neb., was founded in 1878 and has an enrollment of 6,804.
- The Bluejays return seven letterwinners, including four starters, from a team that finished 23-11 overall and tied for third in the Missouri Valley Conference with an 11-7 mark.
- After losing all-conference performer Nate Funk to a shoulder injury in the DePaul game, the Bluejays lost two straight after opening the season 3-0. After winning four straight, Funk returned to the floor for the Bluejays, but Creighton has lost both games in which he has played, including his first game back at Redbird Arena five days ago.

CREIGHTON NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Jeffrey Day	C	6-9	235	Sr.	Seattle, Wash.
3	Nick Porter	G	6-3	215	Jr.	Compton, Calif.
4	Dominic Bishop	G	6-0	170	Jr.	Buffalo, N.Y.
5	Dustin Stitzmann	G	6-0	175	Fr.	LeMars, Iowa
10	Nate Funk	G	6-3	205	Sr.	Sioux City, Iowa
11	Johnny Mathies	G	6-0	170	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.
12	Josh Dotzler	G	6-1	190	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb.
20	Pierce Hibma	G	6-5	205	So.	Pella, Iowa
21	Manny Gakou	C	6-8	282	Jr.	Paris, France
24	Brice Nengsu	G	6-5	195	So.	Nkongsamba, Cameroon
30	Jimmy Molz	F	6-7	225	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.
44	Anthony Tolliver	C	6-9	245	Jr.	Springfield, Mo.
50	Dane Watts	F	6-6	225	So.	Warrensburg, Mo.
51	Steve Smith	C	6-11	245	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.

Head Coach: Dana Altman

Assistant Coach: Darian DeVries, Brian Fish, Kevin McKenna

CREIGHTON SCHEDULE

7-4 Overall, 1-2 Valley

Date	Opponent	Result	W/L
N19	ARK.-PINE BLUFF	87-55	W
N22	at George Mason	72-52	W
N26	DAYTON	91-90 (2ot)	W
N30	at DePaul	57-72	L
D6	at Chattanooga	64-69	L
D11	NEBRASKA	70-44	W
D18	XAVIER	61-59	W
D21	NORFOLK STATE	63-47	W
D28	MISSOURI STATE*	78-56	W
D31	at Illinois State*	50-53	L
J2	at Bradley*	69-86	L
J5	ILLINOIS STATE*	Tonight	
J8	DRAKE*	2:05 p.m.	
J11	at Northern Iowa*	7:05 p.m.	
J15	at Indiana State*	1:05 p.m.	
J18	BRADLEY*	7:05 p.m.	
J22	EVANSVILLE*	2:05 p.m.	
J24	at Southern Illinois*	7:05 p.m.	
J28	at WICHITA STATE*	6:05 p.m.	
J31	NORTHERN IOWA*	8:05 p.m.	
F4	at Drake*	7:05 p.m.	
F7	at Evansville*	7:05 p.m.	
F11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	1:05 p.m.	
F14	at Wichita State*	6:05 p.m.	
F18	BRACKET BUSTER	8:05 p.m.	
F22	INDIANA STATE*	TBA	
F25	at Missouri State*	7:30 p.m.	
M2-5	at State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament (St. Louis, Mo.)		

*Missouri Valley Conference game
HOME GAMES IN CAPS.
All Times Central.

OH! YOU GUYS AGAIN

Not only did Illinois State and Creighton just play each other five days ago, but including tonight's game in the Redbirds' last six games, dating back to last season, against teams from the Missouri Valley Conference four of them have come against Creighton. ISU and the Jays closed out the regular season in Redbird Arena last season before facing each other in the quarterfinals of the 2005 State Farm Valley Tournament.

DA-NA-NA, NA-NA-NA

Senior **Dana Ford**'s first name, with a variation in pronunciation, are the first two notes in the well-known ESPN SportsCenter theme song. That's why it was only fitting, that Ford's heroic 40-footer at the buzzer in ISU's 53-50 win over Creighton ranked No. 6 on ESPN's Plays of the Day. In addition, not only was it play No. 6 on Dec. 31, but it also ranked No. 9 on ESPN's Plays of the Week.

SO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE LEAGUE

Every collegiate player dreams of playing in the league, and the recent Illinois State schedule is giving the Redbirds a taste of the NBA life. The 'Birds are currently in the midst of playing seven games in 17 days, which sure is a change of pace from the two games in 20 days surrounding finals week and the holidays.

LESS IS MORE

Illinois State is coming off its two lowest offensive production games of the season, but one resulted in its biggest win of the campaign to date. Despite only scoring 53 points, the Redbirds pulled out a 53-50 win over Creighton. It marked the fewest points by the Redbirds in a victory since the 51-47 win against Drake at the 1999 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament on Feb. 26.

DILLY DOUBLES DOWN

Junior **Greg Dilligard** registered his second career double-double on a career night at Indiana State. Dilligard finished with a career best 22 points and a career high 12 rebounds. He also added three assists and three blocked shots, while shooting 11-for-18 from the field.

GONE IN 60 POINTS

It's not the sequel to Nicholas Cage's car thief film, but it has proven to be the recipe for success, or lack there of, for the Redbirds this season. The formula is simple. Opponents score less than 60 points, the Redbirds are 6-0. ISU foes score 60 or more, the 'Birds are 0-5.

182 GAMES WITH A TREY ON THE BOARD

ISU enters the game at Creighton with at least one made three in 183 straight games. The last time ISU didn't sink a trey was an 82-43 loss at Creighton on Dec. 12, 1999.



ROAD WARRIORS

Even though the 'Birds have not recorded a road victory this season, Illinois State has had some recent success away from home. Dating back to last season, the Redbirds are 4-7 in their last 11 road games.

THIRTY SOMETHING

That's what Illinois State opponents are shooting in Redbird victories - 33.9 percent to be exact. In fact, in the win over UW-Green Bay, the 'Birds put a clamp on the Phoenix by limiting them to 29 percent shooting from the field. The effort was the Redbirds' best since holding Tennessee-Martin to 28.8 percent shooting last season. But, even including the five losses, Illinois State opponents are only shooting 37.5 percent from the field on the season.

SOME HOLIDAY STEALS

Senior Dana Ford has continued his holiday shopping and he's finding a number of steals. After 11 games, Ford leads the Redbirds in thefts with 23 and is on pace to finish the season with 66, which would rank first in the Redbirds' top 10 all-time.

PLANK'S CONSTANT

Quantum physics aren't needed to see that senior Neil Plank is asserting himself as the Redbirds' offensive leader. Plank has led the Redbirds in scoring in five of ISU's 11 games and has scored in double digits in eight contests. The senior ranks second with 10.3 points per game and is first in assists with 42 on the season.

D-FENCE, D-FENCE

Since Porter Moser's arrival at Illinois State he has emphasized team defense and it's starting to show. In the last two complete seasons, opponents have averaged fewer than 66 points per game. This season, Redbird opponents are averaging 56.9 points per contest. If the Redbirds can maintain this effort, it would mark the first time this feat has occurred three straight seasons since the 1985-86, 1984-85 and 1983-84 campaigns. The 56.9 points per game by Illinois State foes would also rank as the lowest in school history.

DILLY GETS DEFENSIVE

When it is all said and done Greg Dilligard will go down in history as one of the best defensive players to suit up for the Redbirds. In his third season, Dilligard ranks No. 6 in career blocked shots with 84. He is also on pace to crack the top 10 in career steals as the team's returning leader with 66 career steals.

SO THIS IS WHAT A FULL ROSTER LOOKS LIKE?

For the first time in Porter Moser's tenure, the Redbirds will field a team with all 13 scholarships occupied. After signing Osiris Eldridge and Bobby Hill during the early signing period, the Redbirds have one scholarship available for next season.

WE HAVE ANOTHER WINNER

With 17 wins during the 2004-05 season, the Redbirds enjoyed their 30th winning season in 35 years of being a Division I program. The 17 victories was the most by ISU since the 2001-02 season.

OUT OF AFRICA ...

And into Redbird Arena for four Redbirds this season. Freshmen Dinma Odiakosa and Eric Vianney are from the continent, with Odiakosa coming from Nigeria and Vianney being from Cameroon. In addition, senior Nedu Onyeuku and junior Roberto Fortes were each born in Africa before their families moved to the United States. Onyeuku was born in Nigeria, while Fortes was born in Angola.

PRIZED PUPIL PLANK

Neil Plank was named to the 2005 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America® University Division Men's Basketball Second Team and was honored as the 2005 Prairie Farms/Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The two-time All-District V Academic selection was also a 2005 Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete First Team selection. He carried a 4.0 grade point average as an undergraduate finance major and is currently pursuing his master's in business administration.

THIS DATE IN REDBIRD HISTORY

Jan. 5, 1977 - Jeff Wilkins led Illinois State with 27 points and added 11 rebounds to give the Redbirds a 74-56 win over Pacific in Horton Field House. The Redbirds held the Tigers to 29 percent shooting in the first half and stormed out to a 34-22 lead. Billy Lewis added 18 points, while Ron Jones chipped in 11 points and nine assists. Illinois State owns a 2-9 record on this date during the Division I era.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

Ford Hits Buzzer-Beater to Lift ISU over the Jays

NORMAL, Ill. - With the score tied at 50 and just 3.1 seconds left on the clock, the ball was inbounded to Illinois State's Greg Dilligard at mid-court. Dilligard passed off to Dana Ford who took two dribbles and launched a forty-footer which fell through the net as the buzzer sounded to lift the Redbird men's basketball team to a win over the Creighton Bluejays, 53-50 on Saturday afternoon.

Bluejay center Anthony Tolliver hit a seven-foot jumper with a minute-and-a-half left to give the Jays the edge, 50-49. Illinois State's Neil Plank was fouled on the ensuing play and made the second of two free throws to tie the game at 50 with 28 seconds remaining. The Bluejays failed to convert on their next trip as they turned the ball over with 3.1 seconds left in regulation. Plank inbounded the ball to Dilligard who passed off to Ford for the final score. Ford's shot fell through the net as time ran out to secure the Redbird victory.

Ford finished the game with 14 points and four steals, while Plank led all scorers with 17 points and six rebounds. Creighton was led by Tolliver's 15-point effort and Nate Funk added 13 points for the Jays.

ILLINOIS STATE 53, Creighton 50
December 31, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with 9 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Watts, Tolliver, Porter, Mathies, Dotzler, Bishop, Funk, Day, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG -.465; FT -.222
3-Pt.: 8-14, .571 (Watts 1-4, Porter 1-2, Mathies 2-2, Bishop 1-1, Funk 3-5)
Blocks: 3 (Tolliver 3)
Turnovers: 19 (Watts 3, Tolliver 2, Porter 1, Mathies 6, Dotzler 5, Funk 1, Day 1)
Steals: 11 (Watts 1, Tolliver 4, Mathies 1, Dotzler 4, Day 1)

Table with 9 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Odiakosa, Dilligard, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford, Fortes, K. Ford, Wallace, Vandello, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG -.500; FT -.545
3-Pt.: 5-11, .455 (Onyeuku 1-2, Plank 1-2, D. Ford 2-4, Vandello 0-1, Holtz 1-2)
Blocks: 6 (Odiakosa 1, Dilligard 1, D. Ford 2, Holtz 1, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 16 (Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 3, Plank 3, D. Ford 2, Fortes 1, K. Ford 2, Vandello 2, Carlwell 2)
Steals: 8 (Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 1, D. Ford 4, Fortes 1, Holtz 1)

Officials: Steve Olson, Curtis Shaw, Robert Staffen
Attendance: 5,970
Halftime Score: Creighton 28, ILLINOIS STATE 23



CHART CLIMBERS

Career Blocked Shots Leaders

1. LeRoy Watkins (1996-99).....	143
2. Mike VandeGarde (1990-94).....	134
3. Joe Galvin (1976-80).....	132
4. Jeff Wilkins (1974-77).....	103
5. Bill Braksick (1983-86).....	88
6. Greg Dilligard (2004-).....	84

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
50	Greg Dilligard	70	63
25	Neil Plank	68	27
43	Dana Ford	88	23
5	Khalif Ford	31	8
31	Michael Vandello	11	7
3	Nedu Onyeuku	35	4
42	Dinma Odiakosa	8	2
51	Ronnie Carlwell	44	1
32	Levi Dyer	19	1
14	Travis Wallace	15	0
45	Brandon Holtz	11	0
21	Eric Vianney	6	0
1	Roberto Fortes	6	0
23	Mark Kruse	5	0

2005-06 VALLEY STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Southern Illinois	2	0	1.000	9	3	.750
2. Northern Iowa	2	1	.667	12	2	.857
Missouri State	2	1	.667	9	2	.818
Wichita State	2	1	.667	11	3	.786
Bradley	2	1	.667	8	3	.727
6. Indiana State	1	2	.333	8	3	.727
Creighton	1	2	.333	7	4	.636
Drake	1	2	.333	8	6	.571
Illinois State	1	2	.333	6	5	.545
10. Evansville	0	2	.000	4	6	.400

*Through Jan. 4 games

PRONOUNCIATIONS

Levi Dyer	LEE-vye
Khalif Ford	cah-LEEF
Mark Kruse	CREWS
Porter Moser	MO-zur
Dinma Odiakosa	DEEN-muh oh-DEE-oh-kosa
Nedu Onyeuku	NEY-do oh-NEW-coo
Michael Vandello	van-DUH-low
Eric Vianney	VEE-uh-nee

2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE RESULTS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	6-5	6-1	0-4	0-0
CONFERENCE	1-2	1-0	0-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-3	5-1	0-2	0-0

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11-19-05	2:05 pm CST	INDIANAPOLIS	W 54-50	3747	(12)PLANK,Neil	(5)FORD,Dana (5)FORD,Khalif
11-22-05	8 pm EST	at Cincinnati	59-76 L	8802	(16)DILLIGARD,Greg	(6)FORD,Dana
11-26-05	2:05 pm CST	WESTERN MICHIGAN	W 64-47	3980	(16)PLANK,Neil	(7)VANDELLO,Michael
11-29-05	7:05 pm CST	GRAMBLING STATE	W 62-50	5149	(18)DILLIGARD,Greg	(9)DILLIGARD,Greg
12-03-05	4:05 pm CST	UW-GREEN BAY	W 59-51	5871	(13)PLANK,Neil	(7)DILLIGARD,Greg
					(13)DILLIGARD,Greg	
12-06-05	7:05 pm CST	IPFW	W 65-36	5181	(10)PLANK,Neil	(7)DILLIGARD,Greg
12-10-05	7:05 pm CST	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	61-64 L	6762	(14)ONYEUKU,Nedu	(7)PLANK,Neil
12-17-05	7:05 pm PST	at Cal State Northridge	69-73 L	1013	(15)FORD,Dana	(7)PLANK,Neil
12-22-05	7:07 pm EST	* at Indiana State	59-69 LOT	5072	(22)DILLIGARD,Greg	(12)DILLIGARD,Greg
12-31-05	2:05 pm CST	* CREIGHTON	W 53-50	5970	(17)PLANK,Neil	(6)PLANK,Neil
01-02-06	7:05 pm CST	* at Northern Iowa	47-60 L	4014	(12)DILLIGARD,Greg	(5)PLANK,Neil

* - Conference game

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	7	36660	5238
AWAY	4	18901	4726
NEUTRAL	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	55561	5052

2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown (Previous schools)
1	Roberto Fortes	G	6-4	195	Jr.-TR	Fort Wayne, Ind. (North Side/Daytona Beach CC)
3	Nedu Onyeuku	G	6-3	185	Sr.-1L	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep/Iowa Western CC)
5	Khalif Ford	G	6-1	181	So.-1L	Diamond Bar, Calif. (Diamond Bar/Bridgton Academy)
14	Travis Wallace	G	6-0	175	Sr.-1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Jennings/Meramec JC)
21	Eric Vianney	G	6-2	210	Fr.-HS	Yaounde, Cameroon (Picayune [Miss.])
23	Mark Kruse	G/F	6-7	205	Jr.-TR	St. Cloud, Minn. (Apollo/North Dakota State College of Science)
25	Neil Plank	G/F	6-5	208	Sr.-2L	Mt. Zion, Ill. (Mt. Zion/Wisconsin)
31	Michael Vandello	F	6-7	220	Fr.-HS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
32	Levi Dyer	C	6-11	220	So.-1L	Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)
42	Dinma Odiakosa	F	6-8	240	Fr.-HS	Akwukwu, Nigeria (St. Patrick's Model School)
43	Dana Ford	G	6-4	195	Sr.-3L	Tamms, Ill. (Egyptian)
45	Brandon Holtz	G	6-4	185	Fr.-HS	Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)
50	Greg Dilligard	F	6-8	230	Jr.-2L	Labelle, Mo. (Highland)
51	Ronnie Carlwell	C	6-11	258	So.-1L	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)

Head Coach: Porter Moser

Assistant Coaches: Chris Jans, Daniyal Robinson, Brian Barone



2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE STATISTICS

##	Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	TOTAL			3-PTS			REBOUNDS				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg				
						FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off									Def	Tot	Avg	
50	DILLIGARD,Greg	11	11	324	29.5	58	95	.611	0	0	.000	9	22	.409	23	37	60	5.5	32	2	16	17	22	10	125	11.4	
	Conference-Only...	3	3	103	34.3	22	39	.564	0	0	.000	1	3	.333	6	12	18	6.0	11	1	9	6	5	3	45	15.0	
25	PLANK,Neil	11	11	341	31.0	37	92	.402	12	40	.300	27	41	.659	8	41	49	4.5	14	0	42	26	2	7	113	10.3	
	Conference-Only...	3	3	89	29.7	9	23	.391	1	9	.111	2	7	.286	1	11	12	4.0	4	0	6	9	0	1	21	7.0	
43	FORD,Dana	11	11	303	27.5	38	96	.396	13	42	.310	6	9	.667	6	44	50	4.5	25	1	22	18	7	23	95	8.6	
	Conference-Only...	3	3	91	30.3	10	25	.400	3	12	.250	0	0	.000	1	11	12	4.0	4	0	4	4	3	7	23	7.7	
03	ONYEUKU,Nedu	11	3	235	21.4	30	57	.526	7	19	.368	15	27	.556	6	21	27	2.5	21	1	15	26	3	9	82	7.5	
	Conference-Only...	3	3	62	20.7	5	13	.385	2	5	.400	5	8	.625	1	4	5	1.7	7	1	6	7	1	3	17	5.7	
05	FORD,Khalif	11	8	260	23.6	16	49	.327	6	17	.353	17	24	.708	4	16	20	1.8	29	1	31	36	2	6	55	5.0	
	Conference-Only...	3	0	45	15.0	2	8	.250	1	3	.333	2	2	1.000	1	1	2	0.7	6	0	6	3	0	0	7	2.3	
31	VANDELLO,Michael	11	7	249	22.6	19	53	.358	3	12	.250	11	14	.786	14	26	40	3.6	27	0	18	19	2	6	52	4.7	
	Conference-Only...	3	0	63	21.0	5	13	.385	1	4	.250	4	6	.667	1	10	11	3.7	10	0	3	8	0	0	15	5.0	
45	HOLTZ,Brandon	11	0	138	12.5	18	39	.462	8	23	.348	2	4	.500	4	15	19	1.7	7	0	3	6	1	6	46	4.2	
	Conference-Only...	3	0	60	20.0	7	13	.538	4	7	.571	0	0	.000	1	7	8	2.7	2	0	1	0	1	2	18	6.0	
32	DYER,Levi	10	1	93	9.3	8	26	.308	7	17	.412	12	12	1.000	3	8	11	1.1	12	0	2	3	1	0	35	3.5	
	Conference-Only...	2	0	17	8.5	2	5	.400	1	2	.500	0	0	.000	2	1	3	1.5	2	0	0	1	0	0	5	2.5	
23	KRUSE,Mark	5	0	27	5.4	5	18	.278	2	10	.200	0	0	.000	2	3	5	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.4	
	Conference-Only...	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
21	VIANNEY,Eric	6	0	25	4.2	4	5	.800	3	3	1.000	2	3	.667	0	4	4	0.7	7	0	1	4	0	1	13	2.2	
	Conference-Only...	2	0	6	3.0	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1.0	
01	FORTES,Roberto	6	0	33	5.5	2	5	.400	2	4	.500	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	5	0	3	3	0	1	6	1.0	
	Conference-Only...	2	0	12	6.0	1	1	1.000	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1.5	
42	ODIAKOSA,Dinma	8	2	55	6.9	2	11	.182	0	0	.000	3	8	.375	4	5	9	1.1	9	0	1	4	1	2	7	0.9	
	Conference-Only...	2	2	28	14.0	1	4	.250	0	0	.000	1	2	.500	1	3	4	2.0	6	0	1	1	1	1	3	1.5	
51	CARLWELL,Ronnie	11	1	121	11.0	2	9	.222	0	0	.000	5	8	.625	9	16	25	2.3	11	0	3	10	10	2	9	0.8	
	Conference-Only...	3	1	34	11.3	0	2	.000	0	0	.000	0	2	.000	2	3	5	1.7	2	0	0	5	2	0	0	0.0	
14	WALLACE,Travis	7	0	21	3.0	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	2	2	1.000	0	1	1	0.1	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	0.3	
	Conference-Only...	3	0	14	4.7	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	
TM TEAM.....															21	19	40	3.6	0						6		
Conference-Only...															4	4	8	2.7	0						1		
Total.....		11					239	556	.430	63	187	.337	111	174	.638	104	256	360	32.7	200	5	159	181	51	73	652	59.3
Conference-Only...		3					65	148	.439	14	43	.326	15	30	.500	21	68	89	29.7	59	2	37	47	13	19	159	53.0
Opponents.....		11					210	560	.375	53	158	.335	153	216	.708	126	244	370	33.6	186	2	123	182	31	82	626	56.9
Conference-Only...		3					59	136	.434	13	38	.342	48	71	.676	21	69	90	30.0	42	0	38	41	6	27	179	59.7

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Illinois State	291	352	9	652
Opponents	279	328	19	626

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Illinois State	25	1	26
Opponents	31	6	37



2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
POINTS	69 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	46 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
FIELD GOALS MADE	27 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	18 vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	65 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	42 twice
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.500 (24-48) vs. Grambling State (11-29-05) .500 (21-42) vs. Creighton (12-31-05)	.386 (22-57) vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	12 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	2 vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	27 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	11 twice
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.571 (8-14) vs. IPFW (12-06-05)	.143 (2-14) vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)
FREE THROWS MADE	20 vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)	1 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	28 vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)	2 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.773 (17-22) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-05)	.400 (4-10) vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
REBOUNDS	37 vs. IPFW (12-06-05) 37 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)	25 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)
ASSISTS	19 vs. IPFW (12-06-05) 19 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	8 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
STEALS	11 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)	1 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)
BLOCKED SHOTS	7 vs. Western Michigan (11-26-05)	2 twice
TURNOVERS	26 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	12 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05) 12 vs. Western Michigan (11-26-05)
FOULS	31 at Indiana State (12-22-05)	10 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)

2005-06 OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
POINTS	76 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	36 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)
FIELD GOALS MADE	25 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	14 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	62 vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)	42 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.478 (22-46) at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)	.290 (18-62) vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	8 twice	2 at Indiana State (12-22-05)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	20 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	9 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.571 (8-14) vs. Creighton (12-31-05)	.167 (2-12) at Indiana State (12-22-05)
FREE THROWS MADE	33 at Indiana State (12-22-05)	2 twice
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	43 at Indiana State (12-22-05)	7 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	1.000 (12-12) vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)	.222 (2-9) vs. Creighton (12-31-05)
REBOUNDS	42 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	25 twice
ASSISTS	15 twice	8 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
STEALS	12 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	4 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05) 4 vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)
BLOCKED SHOTS	7 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	0 vs. Grambling State (11-29-05)
TURNOVERS	27 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	9 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
FOULS	24 vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)	8 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)

2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE & OPPONENT PLAYER SUPERLATIVES

	ILLINOIS STATE	OPPONENT
POINTS	22 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	27 EFEVBERHA,Mike at Cal State Northridge (12-07-05)
FIELD GOALS MADE	11 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	8 NESBITT,Elton vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	18 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	18 RUSH,Brion vs. Grambling State (11-29-05)
FG PCT (min. 5 made)	.727 (8-11) DILLIGARD,Greg vs Grambling State (11-29-05) .727 (8-11) DILLIGARD,Greg at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	.700 (7-10) TOLLIVER,Anthony vs. Creighton (12-31-05) .700 (7-10) STOUT,Grant at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
3 PT FG MADE	3 VIANNEY,Eric vs IPFW (12-06-05)	3 Six times, last by FUNK,Nate vs. Creighton (12-31-05)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	8 PLANK,Neil vs Western Michigan (11-26-05)	8 TILLEMA,Ryan vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05) 8 RATLIFF,Andre vs. Grambling State (11-29-05)
3-PT FG PCT (min. 3 made)	1.000 (3-3) VIANNEY,Eric vs IPFW (12-06-05)	1.000 (3-3) ALLEN,Ronald at Cincinnati (11-22-05)
FREE THROWS MADE	7 PLANK,Neil vs UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)	11 EFEVBERHA,Mike at Cal State Northridge (12-07-05) 11 MOSS,David at Indiana State (12-22-05)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	11 PLANK,Neil vs UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)	15 EFEVBERHA,Mike at Cal State Northridge (12-07-05)
FT PCT (min. 6 att.)	.833 (5-6) FORD,Khalif vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)	1.000 (10-10) MOORE,Gabriel at Indiana State (12-22-05)
REBOUNDS	12 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	12 SHEWMAKE,Thomas at Cal State Northridge (12-07-05)
ASSISTS	7 PLANK,Neil vs IPFW (12-06-05) 7 PLANK,Neil at Cal State Northridge (12-07-05)	7 SMITH,Tim vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05) 7 MOSS,David at Indiana State (12-22-05)
STEALS	4 FORD,Dana vs Western Michigan (11-26-05) 4 FORD,Dana vs. Creighton (12-31-05)	4 Five times
BLOCKED SHOTS	3 DILLIGARD,Greg vs UW-Green Bay (12-03-05) 3 DILLIGARD,Greg vs Grambling State (11-29-05) 3 CARLWELL,Ronnie vs Western Michigan (11-26-05) 3 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	3 HICKS,Eric at Cincinnati (11-22-05) 3 SHEWMAKE,Thomas at Cal State Northridge (12-07-05) 3 TOLLIVER,Anthony vs. Creighton (12-31-05)



INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME (PTS-REB-ASTS)

Opponent	Carlwell	Dilligard	Dyer	D. Ford	K. Ford	Fortes	Holtz
Indianapolis	0-3-0	4-4-1*	6-2-2*	7-5-2*	4-5-5*	0-0-0	6-1-0
at Cincinnati	0-0-0	16-5-1*	9-1-0	12-6-3*	3-1-2*	3-0-0	0-1-0
Western Michigan	2-4-0	7-5-1*	5-3-0	6-4-3*	11-4-3*	DNP	2-2-0
Grambling St.	0-1-0	18-9-2*	4-1-0	16-7-2*	4-2-5*	0-0-1	2-3-0
UW-Green Bay	2-3-0	13-7-1*	2-0-0	2-5-2*	5-1-3*	DNP	2-1-0
IPFW	3-2-2	8-7-0*	0-0-0	4-3-3*	8-2-3*	0-0-2	2-1-0
Ga. Southern	2-5-1	6-3-0*	2-0-0	10-4-0*	5-1-1*	DNP	3-0-0
at Cal St.-Northridge	0-2-0	8-2-1*	2-1-0	15-4-3*	8-2-3*	DNP	11-2-2
at Indiana State*	0-2-0	22-12-3*	0-0-0	2-6-1*	4-2-4	DNP	9-1-0
Creighton*	0-1-0	11-3-3*	DNP	14-2-2*	0-0-1	0-0-0	3-3-1
at Northern Iowa*	0-2-0*	12-3-3*	5-3-0	7-4-1*	3-0-1	3-0-0	6-4-0
at Creighton*							
Wichita State*							
at Missouri State*							
Northern Iowa*							
Evansville*							
at S. Illinois*							
Indiana State*							
S. Illinois*							
at Bradley*							
at Evansville*							
at Drake*							
Bradley*							
Drake*							
at Bracket Buster							
Missouri State*							
at Wichita State*							

Opponent	Kruse	Odiakosa	Onyeuku	Plank	Vandello	Vianney	Wallace
Indianapolis	DNP	DNP	9-2-1	12-2-3*	6-4-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Cincinnati	2-2-0	1-2-0	0-4-1	8-2-6*	3-1-2*	2-1-1	DNP
Western Michigan	DNP	0-0-0	6-1-3	16-5-1*	9-7-0*	DNP	DNP
Grambling St.	DNP	0-0-0	7-5-1	11-4-4*	0-3-1*	DNP	0-0-1
UW-Green Bay	5-0-0	DNP	11-3-0	13-5-4*	4-4-5*	DNP	DNP
IPFW	5-2-0	2-1-0	4-5-0	10-5-7*	8-3-2*	9-3-0	2-0-0
Ga. Southern	0-1-0	0-1-0	14-2-1	12-7-4*	7-4-3*	0-0-0	DNP
at Cal St.-Northridge	DNP	1-1-0	14-0-2	10-7-7*	0-3-1*	DNP	0-0-0
at Indiana State*	DNP	3-2-1*	8-4-3*	2-1-2*	9-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-1
Creighton*	DNP	0-2-0*	6-0-1*	17-6-3*	2-5-3	DNP	0-0-0
at Northern Iowa*	0-0-0	DNP	3-1-2*	2-5-1*	4-4-0	2-0-0	0-0-0
at Creighton*							
Wichita State*							
at Missouri State*							
Northern Iowa*							
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at Bradley*							
at Evansville*							
at Drake*							
Bradley*							
Drake*							
at Bracket Buster							
Missouri State*							
at Wichita State*							

SUPERLATIVES

- STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, C, G, G (4):**
- Plank, Dilligard, Dyer, K. Ford, D. Ford (1-0)
W – Indianapolis
 - Plank, Dilligard, Vandello, K. Ford, D. Ford (4-3)
W – Western Michigan, Grambling State, UW-Green Bay, IPFW
L – at Cincinnati, Georgia Southern, at Cal State-Northridge
 - Odiakosa, Dilligard, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford (1-1)
W – Creighton
L – at Indiana State
 - Dilligard, Carlwell, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford (0-1)
L – at Northern Iowa

FIRST POINTS:
Dilligard 6, Onyeuku 2, Plank 1, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (24):
Plank 8, Dilligard 6, D. Ford 5, Onyeuku 3, K. Ford 1, Holtz 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (1):
Dilligard 1

LEADING SCORER:
Plank 5, Dilligard 5, Onyeuku 1, D. Ford 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:
Dilligard 4, Plank 4, D. Ford 2, K. Ford 1, Vandello 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (1):
Dilligard 1

DUNKS (12):
Dilligard 10, Onyeuku 2

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:
Carlwell 7, Onyeuku 2, Holtz 1, Vandello 1

CHARGES DRAWN (7):
Dilligard 3, Carlwell 1, Holtz 1, Plank 1, Odiakosa 1

MOST MINUTES:
38, Plank vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
37, D. Ford vs. Grambling State, 11-29-05
36, Dilligard vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
36, Dilligard at Indiana State, 12-22-05
36, Dilligard vs. UW-Green Bay, 12-3-05
36, Plank vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05

2005-06 Honors and Awards

Prairie Farms Scholar-Athlete of the Week
Dec. 7 Neil Plank



BENCH SCORING (ISU-OPP)

Indianapolis	21-11
at Cincinnati	17-36
Western Michigan	15-7
Grambling St.	13-10
UW-Green Bay	22-5
IPFW	27-9
Ga. Southern	21-15
at Cal St.-Northridge	28-36
at Indiana State*	22-2
Creighton*	5-18
at Northern Iowa*	23-5
at Creighton*	
Wichita State*	
at Missouri State*	
Northern Iowa*	
Evansville*	
at S. Illinois*	
Indiana State*	
S. Illinois*	
at Bradley*	
at Evansville*	
at Drake*	
Bradley*	
Drake*	
at Brackett Buster	
Missouri State*	
at Wichita State*	
Total	214-154

2005-06 VALLEY RANKINGS

Through Jan. 4 (All Games)

TEAM		
Scoring Offense	10th	59.3
Scoring Defense	2nd	56.9
Scoring Margin	9th	+2.4
Free Throw Pct	10th	63.8
Field Goal Pct	7th	43.0
FG Pct. Defense	1st	37.5
3-Point FG Pct.	7th	33.7
3-Point FG Pct. Def	5th	33.5
Rebounding Offense	9th	32.7
Rebounding Defense	5th	33.6
Rebounding Margin	9th	-0.9
Blocked Shots	1st	4.64
Assists	7th	14.45
Steals	7th	6.64
Turnover Margin	9th	+0.09
Assist/Turnover Ratio	8th	0.88
Offensive Rebounds	18th	9.45
Defensive Rebounds	8th	23.27
3-Point Field Goals Made	7th	5.73

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Greg Dilligard	3rd	61.1
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ASSISTS

Neil Plank	6th	3.82
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STEALS

Dana Ford	14th	2.09
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BLOCKED SHOTS

Greg Dilligard	3rd	2.00
Ronnie Carlwell	19th	0.91

ASSIST-TURNOVER RATIO

Neil Plank	10th	1.62
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MINUTES PLAYED

Neil Plank	10th	31.00
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THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

INDIVIDUAL

A player scored 40 points ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Tarise Bryson (41) at C. Michigan, 12-3-00
 OpponentAnthony Roberts (48), Oral Roberts, 1-6-75

A player scored 30 points ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Trey Guidry (30) at Creighton, 1-22-05
 OpponentJermaine Boyette (31), Weber St., 11-16-01

A player grabbed 20 rebounds ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Ron deVries (24) vs. Pacific, 1-19-74
 OpponentAnthony Bonner (21), Saint Louis, 2-6-90

A player grabbed 15 rebounds ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Baboucar Bojang (15) vs. UNI, 1-30-02
 OpponentGrant Stout (15), UNI, 1-3-05

A player had a double-double ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Greg Dilligard (22p, 12r) at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 OpponentGabriel Moore (18p, 10r), Indiana State, 12-22-05

A player made five 3-pointers ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Gregg Alexander (5-6) at UW-Green Bay, 2-19-05
 OpponentEric Gray (6-8), Indiana State, 1-19-05

A player made 10 free throws ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Lorenzo Gordon (10-14) vs. St. John's, 12-4-04
 OpponentGabriel Moore (10-10), Indiana State, 12-22-05
 David Moss (11-13), Indiana State, 12-22-05

A player had 15 free throw attempts ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01
 OpponentMike Efevberha (11-15), CS-Northridge, 12-7-05

A player had 10 assists ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Vince Greene (10) at Indiana State, 1-19-05
 OpponentMartell Bailey (12), Illinois-Chicago, 12-13-03

A player had five steals ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Trey Guidry (5) vs. Marshall, 12-11-04
 OpponentDeven Mitchell (6), Missouri State 2-26-05

A player blocked five shots ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Greg Dilligard (7) at Loyola-Chicago, 12-18-04
 OpponentBradley Strickland (5), Evansville, 1-9-05

TEAM

A team scored 100 points ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Southern Illinois (105), 1-10-98
 OpponentOklahoma (112), 12-28-90

A team made 35 field goals ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Bellarmine (35-71), 12-2-03
 OpponentUT-San Antonio (35-65), 12-17-00

A team had 75 field goal attempts ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Lewis (31-78), 12-2-92
 OpponentAkron (27-80), 11-20-98

A team shot 50 percent from the field ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Creighton (500, 21-42), 12-31-05
 OpponentMissouri State (535, 23-43), 2-26-05

A team made 10 3-point field goals ...
 ILLINOIS ST.at Cal State Northridge (12-29), 12-7-05
 OpponentWichita State (10-20), 2-10-05

A team had 25 3-point field goal attempts ...
 ILLINOIS ST.at Cal State Northridge (12-29), 12-7-05
 OpponentCreighton (13-28), 1-22-05

A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. IPFW (571, 8-14), 12-6-05
 OpponentCreighton (571, 8-14), 12-31-05

A team made 30 free throws ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Florida A&M (38-48), 11-23-03
 OpponentIndiana State (33-43), 12-22-05

A team had 25 assists ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Hofstra (25), 11-25-01
 OpponentEvansville (26), 2-11-04

A team had 15 steals ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Bellarmine (16), 12-2-03
 OpponentCreighton (18), 12-12-99

A team had 10 blocked shots ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Evansville (10), 1-17-79
 OpponentNorthern Illinois (11), 11-26-03

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2005-06 RECORD WHEN

Overall	6-5
Missouri Valley Conference	1-2
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams	0-0
Leading at the Half	5-0
Trailing at the Half	1-4
Tied at the Half	0-1
Leading with 5:00 to Play	4-0
Trailing with 5:00 to Play	1-5
Tied with 5:00 to Play	1-0
In Overtime	0-0
ISU out-rebounds opponent	4-0
Opponents out-rebound ISU	2-3
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers	3-1
ISU has fewer Turnovers than opp	4-2
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better	2-0
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better	4-4
Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent	4-1
Opponents shoot 40 Percent or Better	2-4
ISU shoots better than Opponent	6-1
Opponent shoots better than ISU	0-4
ISU has more FG Attempts	2-3
Opponent has more FG Attempts	4-2
ISU Shoots better than 35 Percent on 3's	3-3
ISU Attempts more 3's	2-5
Opponents Attempt more 3's	4-0
ISU has more FT Attempts	5-1
Opponent has more FT Attempts	1-4
ISU Scores 100 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 90 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 80 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 70 or More	0-0

ISU Scores 60 or More	3-2
ISU Scores less than 60	3-3
Opponent Scores 100 or More	0-0
Opponent Scores 90 or More	0-0
Opponent Scores 80 or More	0-0
Opponent Scores 70 or More	0-2
Opponent Scores 60 or More	0-5
Opponent Scores less than 60	6-0
In Games Decided by 5 or less	2-2
In Games Decided by 6-10 Points	1-1
In Games Decided by 11-20 Points	2-2
In Games Decided by 21+ Points	1-0
Day Games	4-0
Night Games	2-5
Home Court	6-1
Away Games	0-4
Neutral Games	0-0
When ISU Scores First	3-0
When ISU Wins Tip	3-2
In November	3-1
In December	3-3
In January	0-1
In February	0-0
In March	0-0
On Sunday	0-0
On Monday	0-1
On Tuesday	2-1
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	0-1
On Friday	0-0
On Saturday	4-2



2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 15 columns: Team, Final, FG, FG%, 3FG, 3%, FT, FT%, O-D-T Reb., Fouls, Assists, Turnovers, Blocks, Steals, Halftime. Rows include games against Indianapolis, Western Michigan, Grambling State, UW-Green Bay, IPFW, Georgia Southern, Cal St.-Northridge, Indiana State*, Creighton*, Northern Iowa*, and various Illinois State games.



Ronnie Carlwell 1

C • 6-11 • 258 • So.-1L • Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 8 vs. Bradley, 2-5-05
 Rebounds – 6 at Marquette, 11-15-04
 Assists – 2, twice
 Blocked Shots – 3, twice
 Steals – 2 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
 Minutes – 24 at Marquette, 11-15-04

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 3 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
 Rebounds – 5 vs. Georgia Southern, 12-10-05
 Assists – 2 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
 Blocked Shots – 3 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05
 Steals – 2 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
 Minutes – 17 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05

Last Time Out:
 Finished with zero points, two rebounds and turnover in his first starting assignment.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Matched his career best with three blocked shots against Western Michigan.
- Both of his baskets in the 60-49 exhibition win over Augustana (S.D.) were dunks.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	12	0-3	0-0	0-0	2-3	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Cincinnati	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	17	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-4	2	0	0	3	0	2
Grambling State	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	3	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-3	1	0	0	1	0	2
IPFW	10	0-0	0-0	3-4	1-2	3	2	0	1	2	3
Georgia Southern	15	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-5	0	1	1	2	0	2
at Cal St.-Northridge	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	1	0	0	0
at Indiana State*	11	0-1	0-0	0-2	1-2	1	0	2	1	0	0
Creighton*	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	2	1	0	0
at Northern Iowa*	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	0	1	0	0	0
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Greg Dilligard 50

F • 6-8 • 230 • Jr.-2L • Labelle, Mo. (Highland)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 22 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Rebounds – 12 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Assists – 4 vs. Missouri State, 12-30-04
 Blocked Shots – 7 at Loyola-Chicago, 12-18-04
 Steals – 3, five times
 Minutes – 36, twice

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 22 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Rebounds – 12 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Assists – 3, twice
 Blocked Shots – 3, three times
 Steals – 3 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05
 Minutes – 36, twice

Last Time Out:
 Tallied his third straight double-digit scoring game with a team high 12 points.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Notched his second career double-double, while posting his first career 20-point game when he recorded career bests with 22 points and 12 rebounds at Indiana State.
- Stands in sixth place in the Redbirds all-time career blocked shot standings with 84.
- Has made 6 of his last 10 free throw attempts (.600), after making 6 of his previous 35 tries (.171).
- Owns 12 double digit scoring games in his career.
- One of the top defensive players in the Missouri Valley Conference.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	25	2-3	0-0	0-3	0-4	0	1	1	2	0	4
at Cincinnati	30	8-11	0-0	0-1	2-5	3	1	2	1	0	16
Western Michigan	23	3-4	0-0	1-2	2-5	3	1	0	2	3	7
Grambling State	34	8-11	0-0	2-6	3-9	3	2	2	3	0	18
UW-Green Bay	36	5-9	0-0	3-4	4-7	2	1	1	3	2	13
IPFW	30	3-8	0-0	2-3	3-7	2	0	4	2	2	8
Georgia Southern	27	3-5	0-0	0-0	1-3	3	0	0	2	0	6
at Cal St.-Northridge	16	4-5	0-0	0-0	2-2	5	1	1	2	0	8
at Indiana State*	36	11-18	0-0	0-1	3-12	5	3	3	3	0	22
Creighton*	36	5-10	0-0	1-2	1-3	3	3	1	1	1	11
at Northern Iowa*	31	6-11	0-0	0-0	2-3	3	3	2	1	2	12
at Creighton*											
Wichita State*											
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Levi Dyer 32
C • 6-10 • 220 • So.-1L • Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 9 at Cincinnati, 11-22-05
Rebounds – 3, twice
Assists – 2 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05
Blocked Shots – 1 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05
Steals – 2, twice
Minutes – 20 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 9 at Cincinnati, 11-22-05
Rebounds – 3, twice
Assists – 2 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05
Blocked Shots – 1 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05
Steals – 0
Minutes – 20 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05

Last Time Out:
Had his longest outing
in seven games - 13
minutes; and responded
with five points.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Increased his vertical jump by five inches during the off-season.
- To date on the season, is shooting 41.2 percent on treys (7-for-17) and 11.1 percent on two-point shots (1-for-9).

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	20	2-10	2-5	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	1	0	6
at Cincinnati	15	3-5	3-5	0-0	0-1	2	0	1	0	0	9
Western Michigan	14	1-3	1-2	2-2	1-3	3	0	0	0	0	5
Grambling State	7	0-1	0-1	4-4	0-1	1	0	1	0	0	4
UW-Green Bay	4	0-1	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
IPFW	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia Southern	3	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
at Cal St.-Northridge	9	0-1	0-1	2-2	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Indiana State*	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*	13	2-4	1-2	0-0	2-3	1	0	0	0	0	5
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Dana Ford 43
G • 6-4 • 195 • Sr.-3L • Tamms, Ill. (Egyptian)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 16 vs. Grambling State, 11-29-05
Rebounds – 8 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
Assists – 3, eight times
Blocked Shots – 2, four times
Steals – 4, twice
Minutes – 37 vs. Grambling State, 11-29-05

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 16 vs. Grambling State, 11-29-05
Rebounds – 7 vs. Grambling State, 11-29-05
Assists – 3, four times
Blocked Shots – 2, twice
Steals – 4, twice
Minutes – 37 vs. Grambling State, 11-29-05

Last Time Out:
Tossed in seven points
and added four rebounds
in 27 minutes of play.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Sank a 40-footer at the buzzer to give the Redbirds a 53-50 win at home over Creighton on Dec. 31.
- The longest tenured Redbird on the roster.
- After going 76 career games without breaking double digits in points, has posted six double-figure scoring games in his last 12.
- Entered the season shooting 16.7 percent from the foul line (4-for-24), but has turned that around by shooting 66.7 percent this season (6-for-9)

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	24	3-10	1-4	0-1	2-5	1	2	0	1	3	7
at Cincinnati	30	3-8	2-3	4-4	1-6	1	3	2	0	1	12
Western Michigan	30	3-11	0-3	0-0	1-4	5	3	1	0	4	6
Grambling State	37	7-13	2-4	0-0	0-7	1	2	2	0	2	16
UW-Green Bay	20	1-4	0-3	0-0	0-5	3	2	2	2	1	2
IPFW	23	1-3	1-2	1-2	0-3	3	3	1	0	2	4
Georgia Southern	19	4-9	1-4	1-2	0-4	3	0	3	0	0	10
at Cal St.-Northridge	28	6-13	3-7	0-0	1-4	4	3	3	1	3	15
at Indiana State*	32	1-7	0-4	0-0	1-6	3	1	2	1	2	2
Creighton*	32	6-9	2-4	0-0	0-2	0	2	2	2	4	14
at Northern Iowa*	27	3-9	1-4	0-0	0-4	1	1	0	0	1	7
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Khalif Ford 5
G • 6-1 • 181 • So.-1L • Diamond Bar, Calif. (Diamond Bar)

CAREER BESTS:
Points – 11 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05
Rebounds – 5, twice
Assists – 6 vs. Indiana State, 1-6-05
Blocked Shots – 1, twice
Steals – 2, three times
Minutes – 34 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05

SEASON BESTS:
Points – 11 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05
Rebounds – 5 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05
Assists – 5, twice
Blocked Shots – 1, twice
Steals – 2 vs. Georgia Southern, 12-10-05
Minutes – 34 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05

Last Time Out:
Played a season-low seven minutes and had two turnovers and an assist.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Posted his first career double-digit scoring game with 11 points against Western Michigan.
- During the exhibition season, showed some offensive potential with 15 points in the first half of the Red-White Scrimmage on 5-for-6 shooting. Also added 11 points against Augustana (S.D.) in the exhibition game.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	34	2-6	0-2	0-0	1-5	2	5	2	0	1	4
at Cincinnati	27	1-5	1-3	0-0	1-1	4	2	6	1	0	3
Western Michigan	27	3-7	0-0	5-8	1-4	0	3	3	0	0	11
Grambling State	27	2-6	0-1	0-0	0-2	3	5	3	1	1	4
UW-Green Bay	32	1-4	0-1	3-4	0-1	3	3	5	0	1	5
IPFW	17	2-4	2-3	2-4	0-2	3	3	4	0	1	8
Georgia Southern	28	0-2	0-1	5-6	0-1	3	1	5	0	2	5
at Cal St.-Northridge	24	3-7	2-3	0-0	0-2	5	3	5	0	0	8
at Indiana State*	26	1-5	0-1	2-2	1-2	4	4	1	0	0	4
Creighton*	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0
at Northern Iowa*	12	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	3
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Roberto Fortes 1
G • 6-4 • 195 • Jr.-TR • Fort Wayne, Ind. (North Side)

CAREER BESTS:
Points – 3, twice
Rebounds – 0
Assists – 2 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 1 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
Minutes – 10 at Cincinnati, 11-22-05

Last Time Out:
Played his second longest stint of the season (7 minutes) and finished with three points.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- One of Illinois State's four African born players. Born in Angola before moving to the United States as a youth.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Cincinnati	10	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	0	0	3
Western Michigan											
Grambling State	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay											
IPFW	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Georgia Southern											
at Cal St.-Northridge											
at Indiana State*											
Creighton*	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	1	0
at Northern Iowa*	7	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	3
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Brandon Holtz 45
G • 6-4 • 185 • Fr.-HS • Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 11 at Cal State Northridge, 12-7-05
 Rebounds – 4 at Northern Iowa, 1-2-06
 Assists – 2 at Cal State Northridge, 12-7-05
 Blocked Shots – 1 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
 Steals – 2 at Cal State Northridge, 12-7-05
 Minutes – 23, twice

Last Time Out:
 Nailed a pair of threes and finished with six points and a career best four boards.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Averaging 7.3 points per game over his last three outings.
- After opening the season 0-for-8 from beyond the arc has made eight of his last 15 attempts (.533).
- Won the team's three-point shooting contest at the Redbird Hoopfest, which kicked off the 2005-06 season.
- Has lost 20 pounds since reporting to the team.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	8	3-5	0-2	0-2	0-1	0	0	0	0	1	6
at Cincinnati	6	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Western Michigan	14	1-5	0-4	0-0	1-2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Grambling State	12	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-3	0	0	1	0	1	2
UW-Green Bay	3	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	2
IPFW	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Georgia Southern	7	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	3
at Cal St.-Northridge	23	4-10	3-7	0-0	1-2	4	2	1	0	2	11
at Indiana State*	20	4-6	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	0	0	0	9
Creighton*	17	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-3	0	1	0	1	1	3
at Northern Iowa*	23	2-4	2-3	0-0	1-4	0	0	0	0	1	6
at Creighton*											
Wichita State*											
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Mark Kruse 23
G/F • 6-7 • 205 • Jr.-TR • St. Cloud, Minn. (Apollo)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 5, twice
 Rebounds – 2, twice
 Assists – 0
 Blocked Shots – 0
 Steals – 0
 Minutes – 12 vs. UW-Green Bay, 12-3-05

Last Time Out:
 Played the game's final minute.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Held scoreless against Georgia Southern after scoring a combined 10 points in the previous two games.
- The leading scorer at the 2005 National Junior College Basketball Tournament.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis											
at Cincinnati	1	1-4	0-2	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Western Michigan											
Grambling State											
UW-Green Bay	12	2-7	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	5
IPFW	9	2-6	1-3	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Georgia Southern	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Cal St.-Northridge											
at Indiana State*											
Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Dinma Odiakosa

F • 6-8 • 240 • Fr.-HS • Akwukwu, Nigeria (St. Patrick's Model School)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 3 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Rebounds – 2, twice
 Assists – 1 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Blocked Shots – 1 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
 Steals – 1, twice
 Minutes – 20 at Indiana State, 12-22-05

Last Time Out:
 Did not play.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Missed the game at Northern Iowa after spraining his right ankle in the Creighton game, two days earlier.
- Earned his first collegiate start at Indiana State.
- Spent the summer as a member of the Nigerian U21 National Team, which competed in the World Championships in Mar Del Plata, Argentina.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis											
at Cincinnati	5	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Western Michigan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grambling State	3	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay											
IPFW	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Georgia Southern	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Cal St.-Northridge	12	0-3	0-0	1-2	1-1	1	0	0	0	1	1
at Indiana State*	20	1-4	0-0	1-2	1-2	3	1	1	0	1	3
Creighton*	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	3	0	0	1	0	0
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Nedu Onyeuku

G • 6-3 • 185 • Sr.-1L • Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 16 vs. Penn State, 11-14-04
 Rebounds – 5, four times
 Assists – 4 vs. St. John's, 12-4-04
 Blocked Shots – 2 vs. Southern Illinois, 2-16-05
 Steals – 2, four times
 Minutes – 26, twice

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 14, twice
 Rebounds – 5, twice
 Assists – 3, twice
 Blocked Shots – 1, three times
 Steals – 2, twice
 Minutes – 26 vs. Georgia Southern, 12-10-05

Last Time Out:
 Finished with three points and three turnovers in 18 minutes.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has started the last three games, after serving as a reserve for the first eight.
- Crowned the team's slam dunk champion at Redbird HoopFest, an event that kicked off the first day of practice.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	17	4-6	1-1	0-0	0-2	2	1	2	0	0	9
at Cincinnati	17	0-1	0-1	0-2	1-4	2	1	3	0	0	0
Western Michigan	19	2-3	0-1	2-2	0-1	0	3	1	0	0	6
Grambling State	23	3-5	0-0	1-2	3-5	3	1	3	0	1	7
UW-Green Bay	23	3-4	2-3	3-4	0-3	1	0	4	0	1	11
IPFW	25	2-4	0-1	0-0	1-5	1	0	2	1	1	4
Georgia Southern	26	5-9	0-2	4-7	0-2	3	1	3	1	2	14
at Cal St.-Northridge	23	6-12	2-5	0-2	0-0	2	2	1	0	1	14
at Indiana State*	25	3-8	1-3	1-2	0-4	5	3	1	0	2	8
Creighton*	19	1-3	1-2	3-4	0-0	2	1	3	0	1	6
at Northern Iowa*	18	1-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	0	2	3	1	0	3
at Creighton*											
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Neil Plank 25
G/F • 6-5 • 208 • Sr.-2L • Mt. Zion, Ill. (Mt. Zion)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 21, twice
 Rebounds – 11 vs. Southern Illinois, 1-21-04
 Assists – 7, twice
 Blocked Shots – 1, seven times
 Steals – 5 vs. Florida A&M, 11-23-03
 Minutes – 41 vs. Western Kentucky, 12-16-03

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 17 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
 Rebounds – 7, twice
 Assists – 7, twice
 Blocked Shots – 1, twice
 Steals – 2 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05
 Minutes – 38 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05

Last Time Out:

Held to two points on 1-for-9 shooting, while committing four turnovers.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- He has registered double figure points in eight games this season.
- Dished out a career high seven assists against IPFW and again at Cal State Northridge
- Continues to play four positions for the Redbirds, including spotting relief at the point guard position.
- One of two players on the Redbird roster this season to have a 20-point game at ISU. He did it once with 21 points at Utah State in 2003. His other 21-point game came while playing for Wisconsin, against Marshall.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	33	3-9	2-4	4-4	1-2	2	3	2	0	2	12
at Cincinnati	30	2-8	1-4	3-3	0-2	4	6	2	0	0	8
Western Michigan	36	6-12	3-8	1-2	0-5	0	1	2	1	0	16
Grambling State	30	3-8	2-3	3-4	1-4	1	4	3	0	1	11
UW-Green Bay	31	3-5	0-1	7-11	0-5	0	4	1	0	0	13
IPFW	30	3-6	1-1	3-3	1-5	1	7	3	0	1	10
Georgia Southern	34	4-10	0-4	4-7	1-7	0	4	2	1	1	12
at Cal St.-Northridge	28	4-11	2-6	0-0	3-7	2	7	2	0	1	10
at Indiana State*	23	1-4	0-3	0-2	0-1	3	2	2	0	0	2
Creighton*	38	7-10	1-2	2-5	0-6	0	3	3	0	0	17
at Northern Iowa*	28	1-9	0-4	0-0	1-5	1	1	4	0	1	2
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Michael Vandello 21
F • 6-7 • 220 • Fr.-HS • Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 9, twice
 Rebounds – 7 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05
 Assists – 5 vs. UW-Green Bay, 12-3-05
 Blocked Shots – 1, twice
 Steals – 2, twice
 Minutes – 31 vs. Georgia Southern, 12-10-05

Last Time Out:

Played 20 minutes and posted four points, four rebounds and four turnovers.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- After starting the previous seven games, he has been a reserve in the last three contests.
- Dished out a career best five assists in the win over UW-Green Bay.
- Of the Redbirds' seven newcomers, has had the most immediate impact.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	18	3-4	0-1	0-0	2-4	1	1	3	1	2	6
at Cincinnati	22	1-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	4	2	2	0	0	3
Western Michigan	19	2-5	1-2	4-4	3-7	4	0	3	1	0	9
Grambling State	9	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-3	1	1	1	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay	30	2-7	0-2	0-0	0-4	2	5	0	0	1	4
IPFW	30	4-8	0-0	0-0	2-3	1	2	0	0	2	8
Georgia Southern	31	2-9	0-1	3-4	3-4	2	3	0	0	0	7
at Cal St.-Northridge	27	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-3	2	1	2	0	1	0
at Indiana State*	18	2-4	1-2	4-6	0-2	3	0	2	0	0	9
Creighton*	25	1-5	0-1	0-0	1-5	4	3	2	0	0	2
at Northern Iowa*	20	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-4	3	0	4	0	0	4
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Eric Vianney 21
G • 6-2 • 210 • Fr.-HS • Yaoundé, Cameroon (Picayune)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 9 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
Rebounds – 3 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05 5
Assists – 1 at Cincinnati, 11-22-05
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 1 at Northern Iowa, 1-2-06
Minutes – 8 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05

Last Time Out:
Logged four minutes of action and converted a layup off a steal.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Tossed in a career-best nine points in the win over IPFW, thanks to a 3-for-3 effort on treys.
- Despite a cut frame, has not had a lot of strength and conditioning in his career. Obviously, the coaching staff was surprised when he squatted 545 pounds on a weight machine.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Cincinnati	4	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-1	1	1	1	0	0	2
Western Michigan											
Grambling State											
UW-Green Bay											
IPFW	8	3-3	3-3	0-1	0-3	1	0	1	0	0	9
Georgia Southern	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0
at Cal St.-Northridge											
at Indiana State*	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	1	2
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Travis Wallace 14
G • 6-0 • 175 • Sr.-1L • St. Louis, Mo. (Jennings)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 2, twice
Rebounds – 2 at Marquette, 11-15-04
Assists – 1, five times
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 3 at Marquette, 11-15-04
Minutes – 11 at Marquette, 11-15-04

Last Time Out:
Saw five minutes of action and had a turnover, while shooting 0-for-1 from the field.

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 2 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
Rebounds – 1 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
Assists – 1, twice
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 0
Minutes – 8 at Indiana State, 12-22-05

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- A walk-on who will see some time at the point guard position this season.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0
at Cincinnati											
Western Michigan											
Grambling State	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay											
IPFW	2	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Georgia Southern											
at Cal St.-Northridge	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana State*	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Creighton*	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Northern Iowa*	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
at Creighton*											
Wichita State*											
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EXHIBITION 1

Redbirds Win Lone Exhibition, 60-49

NORMAL, Ill. - Senior Neil Plank tallied 15 points and nine rebounds as Illinois State defeated Augustana [S.D.] 60-49 in an exhibition game Wednesday night at Redbird Arena.

The Redbirds started the first half on a 12-6 scoring run on six baskets by six different players. Ford hit a jumper with 7:22 left to put the 'Birds up 18-9 and Michael Vandello's jumper with 45 seconds left gave the Redbirds their largest lead of the half at 11 points at 26-15.

The second half began with the Redbirds and Vikings trading baskets until the 'Birds went on a 10-0 scoring run paced by five points from Plank. The 'Birds led by as many as 19 points, but the Vikings went on a 24-8 run with nine points from Marques Blank to cut the lead to three points at 52-49 with 2:46 remaining. The Redbirds regained control with an 8-0 scoring run, all on free throws, to put the Vikings away.

ILLINOIS STATE 60, Augustana (S.D.) 49
November 9, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Augustana (S.D.) players including Olson, Krogman, VerDouw, Hardy, Thomas, Medema, Blank, Hartzell, Richardson, Klepatz, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .308; FT - .600
3-Pt.: 5-17, .294 (Olson 1-1, Hardy 0-1, Thomas 2-8, Medema 0-4, Blank 2-2, Hartzell 0-1)
Blocks: 3 (Olson 1, Klepatz 2)
Turnovers: 20 (VerDouw, Hardy 6, Thomas 4, Medema 2, Blank 3, Richardson 2, Klepatz 1)
Steals: 6 (Olson 2, Hardy 2, Thomas 1, Klepatz 1)

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS ST. players including Plank, Dilligard, Dyer, K. Ford, D. Ford, Fortes, Onyeuku, Wallace, Vianney, Kruse, Vandello, Odiakosa, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .400; FT - .576
3-Pt.: 1-11, .091 (Plank 1-2, Dyer 0-2, K. Ford 0-3, D. Ford 0-1, Vianney 0-1, Holtz 0-2)
Blocks: 7 (Dilligard 2, Dyer 1, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Vandello 2)
Turnovers: 14 (Plank 1, Dilligard 3, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Fortes 2, Wallace 1, Vianney 1, Kruse 2, Vandello 1, Odiakosa 1)
Steals: 7 (Plank 1, Dilligard 2, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Vianney 1, Vandello 1)

Officials: Dave Draucker, Bill Oostdyk, Dave Cronin
Attendance: 4,484
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 28, Augustana (S.D.) 17

GAME 1

Redbirds Win Late in Season Opener Over Indy

NORMAL, Ill. - Late three-point field goals by seniors Neil Plank and Nedu Onyeuku helped the Illinois State Redbirds come from behind in the final two minutes to win its season and home opener against the Indianapolis Greyhounds at Redbird Arena.

Neither team shot well in the first half, with ISU shooting just 37 percent from the field and the Greyhounds shooting just 27 percent in the half.

The two squads then traded baskets until ISU went on a 16-4 run beginning at the 11:08 and ending at the 3:14 mark, giving ISU a 24-16 lead. The run was highlighted by two three-point baskets by 6-10 center Levi Dyer, with senior Dana Ford chipping in for five points. ISU continued to control the game for the rest of the half, going into the locker room at the break with a 30-21 lead.

The start of the second half was much like the start of the first, with both teams exchanging baskets and ISU leading by as many as 11. However, the Greyhounds put on a run worthy of their namesake, as the 'Hounds went on a 13-0 run that spanned five minutes, giving Indianapolis its first lead since the 7:26 mark in the first half.

Plank led all scores with 12 points and Onyeuku added nine to lead the Redbirds.

ILLINOIS STATE 54, Indianapolis 50
November 19, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Indianapolis players including Mills, LaBad, McClung, Cox, Strahm, Blank, Smith, Moore, Lulow, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .309; FT - 1.000
3-Pt.: 4-16, .250 (Mills 0-1, McClung 0-2, Cox 2-4, Strahm 1-5, Blank 1-2, Smith 0-2)
Blocks: 1 (Mills 1)
Turnovers: 15 (Mills 1, LaBad 1, McClung 4, Cox 2, Strahm 3, Blank 1, Smith 3)
Steals: 4 (Mills 1, McClung 1, Blank 1, Lulow 1)

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS ST. players including Plank, Dilligard, Dyer, K. Ford, D. Ford, Fortes, Onyeuku, Wallace, Vianney, Vandello, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .386; FT - .400
3-Pt.: 6-19, .316 (Dyer 2-5, K. Ford 0-2, Plank 2-4, D. Ford 1-4, Onyeuku 1-1, Vandello 0-1, Holtz 0-2)
Blocks: 6 (Dilligard 2, Dyer 1, D. Ford 1, Vandello 1, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 12 (Dilligard 1, K. Ford 2, Plank 2, Onyeuku 2, Wallace 2, Vandello 3)
Steals: 9 (K. Ford 1, Plank 2, D. Ford 3, Vandello 2, Holtz 1)

Officials: Dave Draucker, John Moore, Kerry Campbell
Attendance: 3,747
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 30, Indianapolis 21

GAME 2

Redbirds Fall Short Against Bearcats, 76-59

CINCINNATI - Greg Dilligard's career-high 16 points, including 10 in the second half, weren't enough as Illinois State fell 76-59, to Cincinnati in non-conference action at the Fifth Third Arena Tuesday night.

The Redbirds jumped out of the gate early, thanks to a pair of baskets from Dilligard, and stormed out to a 12-5 lead with 16:09 left in the first half. The 'Birds and the Bearcats went toe-to-toe for the next seven minutes and Cincinnati held a 26-22 edge. But the ISU shooting went cold as the Redbirds were held scoreless for nearly five-and-a-half minutes, while Cincinnati put together a 12-0 run and took a commanding 38-22 lead with 4:10 left in the half.

However, the Redbirds showed some tenacity and responded with a 12-5 run of their own to end the half and cut into the Bearcat lead at 43-34 at the intermission. Dana Ford led the Redbirds offensively in the first half with 12 points, which set a new career high for the fourth-year senior.

Cincinnati 76, ILLINOIS STATE 59
November 22, 2005 • Fifth Third Arena

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS STATE players including Plank, Vandello, Dilligard, K. Ford, D. Ford, Fortes, Onyeuku, Vianney, Kruse, Dyer, Odiakosa, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .392; FT - .714
3-Pt.: 9-22, .409 (Plank 1-4, Vandello 1-1, K. Ford 1-3, D. Ford 2-3, Fortes 1-2, Onyeuku 0-1, Kruse 0-2, Dyer 3-5, Holtz 0-1)
Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 1, K. Ford 1)
Turnovers: 26 (Plank 2, Dilligard 2, Vandello 2, K. Ford 6, D. Ford 2, Fortes 1, Onyeuku 3, Vianney 1, Dyer 1, Odiakosa 1, Holtz 1, Team 4)
Steals: 1 (D. Ford 1)

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Cincinnati players including Hicks, McGowan, Kirkland, Muhammad, White, Tilford, Downey, Watt, Miller, Allen, Coleman, Murray, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .410; FT - .692
3-Pt.: 8-20, .400 (McGowan 0-1, Kirkland 0-3, Muhammad 0-2, White 3-6, Tilford 0-1, Downey 2-3, Allen 3-3, Coleman 0-1)
Blocks: 7 (Hicks 3, Kirkland 2, White 1, Allen 1)
Turnovers: 13 (Kirkland 5, Muhammad 3, White 1, Downey 3, Allen 1)
Steals: 12 (Hicks 2, McGowan 1, Kirkland 3, White 2, Downey 4)

Officials: Curtis Shaw, Steve Morris, Gerry Pollard
Attendance: 8,802
Halftime Score: Cincinnati 43, ILLINOIS STATE 34



GAME 3

Birds Out-Hustle Western Michigan, Win 64-47

NORMAL, III. - Head coach Porter Moser was fired up on the sidelines all day, watching the Illinois State defense hustle for loose balls and force turnovers to frustrate the Western Michigan Broncos in a 64-47 non-conference win Saturday at Redbird Arena.

The Redbird defense corralled the Broncos' offense in the first half, limiting Western Michigan to just 20 points and forcing 12 turnovers in the half. However, the Redbird offense also came to play, leading the entire half and being ahead by as many as 15 points at one point, finishing the half up 34-20.

After trading baskets with Western Michigan for the first four minutes of the half, ISU jumped out to a 17-7 lead thanks to a 9-0 run that took four and a half minutes off the clock. Senior Neil Plank was the catalyst, scoring five points including one of his three 3-point baskets in the first half to put a cap on the run before Western Michigan's Joe Reitz put an end to the drought.

ISU continued its hot shooting after the early run, maintaining at least an eight point lead throughout the rest of the first half. ISU finished the half shooting .500 from the field, with seven 'Birds scoring points.

Khalif Ford finished the game with 11 points and Plank finished with 16 for the game after scoring 15 in the first half. Andrew Hershberger was the only Bronco in double figures with 11 points.

ILLINOIS STATE 64, Western Michigan 47

November 26, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with columns: W. Michigan, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player statistics for Hershberger, Bufford, Reitz, Snider, Gary, Fracalossi, Drews, Ricks, Kendrick, Hess, deVries, Cloutier, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .314; FT - .632

3-Pt.: 3-13, .231 (Hershberger 1-1, Bufford 1-1, Snider 0-2, Gary 0-1, Fracalossi 1-4, Drews 0-1, Ricks 0-2, Kendrick 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Hershberger 2, Reitz 1, Snider 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Bufford 4, Reitz 2, Snider 5, Gary 1, Drews 3, Ricks 2)

Steals: 5 (Hershberger 2, Snider 1, Gary 2)

Table with columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player statistics for Plank, Vandello, Dilligard, K. Ford, D. Ford, Onyeuku, Dyer, Odiakosa, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .420; FT - .773

3-Pt.: 5-20, .250 (Plank 3-8, Vandello 1-2, D. Ford 0-3, Onyeuku 0-1, Dyer 1-2, Holtz 0-4)

Blocks: 7 (Plank 1, Vandello 1, Dilligard 2, Carlwell 3)

Turnovers: 12 (Plank 2, Vandello 3, K. Ford 3, D. Ford 1, Onyeuku 1, Holtz 2)

Steals: 7 (Dilligard 3, D. Ford 4)

Officials: John Yorkovich, Greg Webb, Jeff Malham

Attendance: 3,980

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 34, Western Michigan 20

GAME 4

Hot Second Half Shooting Propels ISU to 62-50 Win

NORMAL, III. - At times tonight's basketball game between Illinois State and Grambling State seemed destined for a low-scoring and sloppy outcome for both teams. However, a second half scoring surge by the Redbirds (3-1) combined with 37 percent shooting from the field for the Tigers (2-2) led to an exciting finish as ISU defeated Grambling State 62-50 Tuesday night at Redbird Arena.

Defense was once again the story for Illinois State in the first half, as the Redbirds held Grambling to just 16 points and forced the Tigers to shoot 23.3 percent from the field in the opening half.

Grambling State came out inspired in the second half, going on an 8-2 run to start the half. Anthony Williams had five points to spark the Tiger run and get within two points of the 'Birds at 28-26 with 17:13 left in the game. However the Redbirds answered with a 16-2 run to take control once again. Dana Ford sparked the run with nine points, eventually leading to his career-high 16 points.

ISU led from that point on, leading by as many as 16 points at one point. Senior Neil Plank scored all of his 11 points in the second half and Dilligard finished one rebound short of a double-double with a game and career high 18 points and nine rebounds.

ILLINOIS STATE 62, Grambling State 50

November 29, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with columns: Grambling St., Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player statistics for Williams, Stevens, Ratliff, Gordon, Rush, Kruel, Thomas, Jefferson, McFadden, Breau, Dorsey, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .368; FT - .417

3-Pt.: 3-15, .200 (Ratliff 3-8, Rush 0-5, Thomas 0-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 19 (Williams 3, Ratliff 6, Gordon 3, Rush 5, Thomas 1, Breau 1)

Steals: 11 (Williams 2, Stevens 1, Ratliff 3, Gordon 1, Rush 2, Thomas 2)

Table with columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player statistics for Plank, Vandello, Dilligard, K. Ford, D. Ford, Fortes, Onyeuku, Wallace, Dyer, Odiakosa, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .500; FT - .556

3-Pt.: 4-11, .364 (Plank 2-3, Vandello 0-1, K. Ford 0-1, D. Ford 2-4, Dyer 0-1, Holtz 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Dilligard 3, K. Ford 1)

Turnovers: 21 (Plank 3, Vandello 1, Dilligard 2, K. Ford 3, D. Ford 2, Fortes 1, Onyeuku 3, Dyer 1, Odiakosa 1, Holtz 1, Carlwell 3)

Steals: 6 (Plank 1, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 2, Onyeuku 1, Holtz 1)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Paul Kaster, Neil Armstrong

Attendance: 5,149

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 26, Grambling State 16

GAME 5

Birds Hold Off UW-Green Bay

NORMAL, III. - Illinois State held off a late surge by Wisconsin-Green Bay to claim its third straight win, 59-51, in front of 5,871 fans on Neal Cotts Day at Redbird Arena.

Wisconsin-Green Bay (2-4) jumped out to a 5-0 lead to start the game with freshman Ryan Tillema recording all five points on a three-pointer and a pair of free throws. Meanwhile, the Redbirds turned the ball over on their first two possessions and lost defensive sparkplug Dana Ford at the 17:23 mark after he picked up two quick fouls.

But it was all Illinois State (4-1) after that when Greg Dilligard's jumper from the right side with 15:42 remaining in the half kicked off an 18-2 run. Nedu Onyeuku followed with a free throw to tie it up at 7-7 as the Redbirds took the lead for good. Six different players scored during the run, while the Phoenix suffered through a pair of five-minute scoring droughts during the decisive run.

The Phoenix cut into the Redbird lead with less than five minutes remaining in the half. Tillema once again led the way with a three-pointer, a layup and a pair of free throws, but the Redbirds still held onto a 26-20 lead at halftime.

Illinois State, which shot 61 percent from the field in the second half, had three players in double figures. Neil Plank and Dilligard led the 'Birds with 13 points apiece, while Onyeuku was also in double figures with 11. Wisconsin-Green Bay's Tillema led all scorers with 19, while Evans chipped in 11.

ILLINOIS STATE 59, UW-Green Bay 51

December 3, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with columns: UW-Green Bay, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player statistics for Tillema, Lawrence, Schachtner, Evanochko, Evans, Farine, Minatee, Barkley, Morris, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .290; FT - .750

3-Pt.: 6-17, .353 (Tillema 3-8, Lawrence 0-1, Schachtner 1-2, Evanochko 1-4, Evans 1-2)

Blocks: 2 (Lawrence 1, Morris 1)

Turnovers: 11 (Tillema 1, Lawrence 3, Evanochko 1, Evans 2, Farine 2, Minatee 1, Morris 1)

Steals: 4 (Tillema 1, Evans 2, Minatee 1)

Table with columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player statistics for Plank, Vandello, Dilligard, K. Ford, D. Ford, Onyeuku, Kruse, Dyer, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .429; FT - .741

3-Pt.: 3-15, .200 (Plank 0-1, Vandello 0-2, K. Ford 0-1, D. Ford 0-3, Onyeuku 2-3, Kruse 1-4, Dyer 0-1)

Blocks: 6 (Dilligard 3, D. Ford 2, Carlwell 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Plank 1, Dilligard 1, K. Ford 5, D. Ford 2, Onyeuku 4)

Steals: 6 (Vandello 1, Dilligard 2, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Onyeuku 1)

Officials: Patrick Adams, Bo Boroski, Jeb Hartness

Attendance: 5,871

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 26, UW-Green Bay 20



GAME 6

ISU Sets New Arena Record; Defeats IPFW

NORMAL, Ill. - Senior forward Neil Plank, who finished with 10 points, led the Illinois State men's basketball team to a 65-36 win over IPFW Tuesday night at Redbird Arena...

Greg Dilligard's opening dunk set the tone in the first half as Illinois State went on to rattle off seven answered points, not allowing an IPFW basket until the 15:33 mark.

Another Dilligard dunk with 11:45 left in the game extended the Illinois State lead to 43-29. Dilligard finished with eight points, seven rebounds and two blocks...

ILLINOIS STATE 65, IPFW 36
December 6, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for IPFW players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .311; FT - .286
3-Pt.: 6-17, .353 (Scott 0-2, Hawkins 2-4, Best 0-1, Carouthers 1-2, Pompey 1-3, Johnson 0-1, Savelly 2-4)
Blocks: 2 (Scott 1, Best 1)
Turnovers: 20 (Scott 1, Hawkins 1, Best 3, Carouthers 4, Pompey 4, Posley 1, Savelly 4, Essighir 1, Team 1)
Steals: 6 (Best 1, Pompey 4, Posley 1)

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS ST. players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .478; FT - .684
3-Pt.: 8-14, .571 (Plank 1-1, K. Ford 2-3, D. Ford 1-2, Fortes 0-1, Onyeuku 0-1, Vianney 3-3, Kruse 1-3)
Blocks: 4 (Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 1, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 16 (Plank 3, Dilligard 4, K. Ford 4, D. Ford 1, Onyeuku 2, Vianney 1, Odiakosa 1)
Steals: 11 (Plank 1, Vandello 2, Dilligard 2, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 2, Onyeuku 1, Carlwell 2)

Officials: Terry Anderson, Dave Cronin, Dan Dorian
Attendance: 5,181
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 20, IPFW 13

GAME 7

Second Half Surge Not Enough for ISU

NORMAL, Ill. - The Illinois State Redbird men's basketball team mounted a tremendous comeback to take the lead in the second half after going into halftime down by 13 points.

Georgia Southern took the lead 13-12 after Sean Olivier sank two free throws as Greg Dilligard picked up his second foul of the half for ISU.

With the score tied at 44-44, Dilligard scored consecutive hoops giving ISU its first lead of the second half at 48-47. However, the Eagles would not go away, with Elton Nesbitt leading the way with 14 points in the half.

Georgia Southern 64, ILLINOIS STATE 61
December 10, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Ga. Southern and ILLINOIS STATE players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .412; FT - .889
3-Pt.: 6-13, .462 (Gennie 2-2, Nesbitt 3-6, Tobias 0-1, Foreman 0-2, Salazar 1-2)
Blocks: 4 (Olivier 2, Graham 1, Dunn 1)
Turnovers: 19 (Olivier 3, Graham 2, Gennie 1, Nesbitt 2, Foreman 6, Dunn 1, Swain 1, Salazar 2, Ward 1)
Steals: 7 (Olivier 1, Gennie 2, Tobias 3, Foreman 1)

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS ST. players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .408; FT - .679
3-Pt.: 2-14, .143 (Plank 0-4, Vandello 0-1, K. Ford 0-1, D. Ford 1-4, Onyeuku 0-2, Holtz 1-1)
Blocks: 6 (Plank 1, Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 1, Carlwell 2)
Turnovers: 17 (Plank 2, K. Ford 5, D. Ford 3, Onyeuku 3, Vianney 2, Holtz 1, Carlwell 1)
Steals: 5 (Plank 1, K. Ford 2, Onyeuku 2)

Officials: David Warfel, Mark Mayhood, Willie Beamon
Attendance: 6,762
Halftime Score: Georgia Southern 31, ILLINOIS STATE 20

GAME 8

Redbird Rally Falls Short; ISU Downed 73-69

NORTHBRIDGE, Calif. - Illinois State nailed six three-point field goals in the final 1:35 of the game to erase a 13-point deficit, but Dana Ford's final attempt at a game-winner bounced off the front of the rim and Cal State-Northridge walked away with a 73-69 nonconference win at the Matadome Saturday night.

CSUN's Jonathan Heard sank a pair of free throws to extend the lead to 65-57, but a Brandon Holtz three-pointer made the score 65-60. After Mike Efevberha missed one of his free throw attempts on back-to-back two-shot trips to the line, three-pointers by Nedu Onyeuku and Neil Plank closed the gap to 67-66 with 26 seconds on the clock.

Efevberha was fouled again, but made both charity attempts, however Ford's three-pointer from atop the key forced a 69-69 tie with 20 seconds left in the game. On the ensuing play, Holtz put pressure on Efevberha in the corner of the court on a trap, but was whistled for the foul.

Cal State Northridge 73, ILLINOIS STATE 69
December 17, 2005 • The Matadome

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS STATE and Cal State Northridge players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .415; FT - .500
3-Pt.: 12-29, .414 (Plank 2-6, K. Ford 2-3, D. Ford 3-7, Onyeuku 2-5, Dyer 0-1, Holtz 3-7)
Blocks: 3 (Dilligard 2, D. Ford 1)
Turnovers: 17 (Plank 2, Vandello 2, Dilligard 1, K. Ford 5, D. Ford 3, Onyeuku 1, Holtz 1, Carlwell 1, Team 1)
Steals: 9 (Plank 1, Vandello 1, D. Ford 3, Onyeuku 1, Odiakosa 1, Holtz 2)

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for CS-Northridge and ILLINOIS STATE players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .452; FT - .795
3-Pt.: 4-9, .444 (Efevberha 2-5, Waggener 0-1, Haynes 1-1, Heard 1-2)
Blocks: 5 (Efevberha 1, Altheimer 1, Shewmake 3)
Turnovers: 27 (Efevberha 3, Waggener 1, Haynes 1, Altheimer 2, Locke 2, Heard 6, Miller 2, Hill 1, Jones 1, Shewmake 6, Everage 2)
Steals: 6 (Waggener 1, Haynes 1, Locke 1, Heard 1, Shewmake 2)

Officials: Fred Carbone, Michael Irving, Martin Cota
Attendance: 1,013
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 30, CS-Northridge 30

